

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An article for grooming an animal, comprising:
 a nail clipper; and
 a source of a styptic material, said source of styptic material being physically associated
 5 with said nail clipper.

2. An article for grooming an animal according to claim 1, wherein said source of styptic
 material comprises a container that is mounted to said nail clipper.

- 10 3. An article for grooming an animal according to claim 2, wherein said container is releasably
 mounted to said nail clipper.

4. An article for grooming an animal according to claim 3, wherein said nail clipper comprises a
 handle portion, and wherein said container is releasably mounted to said handle portion.
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5. An article for grooming an animal according to claim 3, further comprising means for
 advancing styptic material out of the container.

6. An article for grooming an animal according to claim 3, further comprising a rigid application
 20 surface for applying styptic material to a nail.

7. An article for grooming an animal according to claim 6, wherein said application surface is
 concave.

- 25 8. An article for grooming an animal according to claim 6, wherein said application surface is
 integral with said container.

9. An article for grooming an animal according to claim 6, further comprising a dispensing opening defined in said container, and wherein said application surface is adjacent to said dispensing opening.

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10. An article for grooming an animal according to claim 1, further comprising a nail file.

11. An article for grooming an animal according to claim 10, wherein said source of styptic material comprises a container that is releasably mounted to said nail clipper, and wherein said
10 nail file is mounted to said container.

12. An apparatus for dispensing and applying a styptic material to a nail of an animal, comprising:

15 a container having a styptic material disposed therein, said container having a dispensing opening through which styptic material from the container may be dispensed; and
a rigid application surface that is adjacent to said dispensing opening.

13. An apparatus for dispensing and applying a styptic material to a nail of an animal according to claim 12, further comprising means for advancing styptic material out of the container.

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14. An apparatus for dispensing and applying a styptic material to a nail of an animal according to claim 12, wherein said rigid application surface is concave.

15. An apparatus for dispensing and applying a styptic material to a nail of an animal according to claim 13, wherein said means for advancing styptic material out of the container comprises a
25 screw press mechanism.

16. An apparatus for dispensing and applying a styptic material to a nail of an animal according to claim 14, wherein said concave application surface comprises a bowl shaped element that is integral with said container.

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17. An apparatus for dispensing and applying a styptic material to a nail of an animal according to claim 16, wherein said bowl-shaped element is angled with respect to a longitudinal axis of the container.

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18. An apparatus for dispensing and applying a styptic material to a nail of an animal according to claim 17, wherein said bowl-shaped element is angled with respect to a longitudinal axis of the container at an angle that is within a range of about plus 45 degrees to about minus 45 degrees.

19. An article for grooming an animal, comprising:

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a pet nail clipper; and

a nail file releasably mounted to said pet nail clipper.

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